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Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government have no information about the allotments made to each district?"

The Hon'ble Sir LIONEL DAVIDSON:—"On a point of order, Sir, the question relates to what applications were received and what amounts were disbursed, not to what allotments were provided. There should be a separate notice and a separate question in regard to that issue."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"The Collector knew what amounts were distributed. That was the answer. The Government have no information about the amounts given to the applicants. May I know if the Honourable Member can give us the allotment made to the Anantapur district?"

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"The question is for information about applications for loans received from ryots. If the Honourable Member wants any further information unconnected with that, he must put a separate question."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"I put that question in order to elucidate the difficulty expressed by the ryots that they have no money. The officers say that no allotments were received. So I want to make it clear what allotment is made to the Anantapur district."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I quite see that the Honourable Member has some very *bona fide* object in view in putting that question; but at present the supplementary question is out of order; so I do not allow it."

Marina loop line.

478 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: "To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

- (a) the year in which the Marina loop line was abandoned;
- (b) whether the expression of public feeling manifested against the construction of the line alongside the Marina was confined to a particular community or communities, and, if so, to what communities; and
- (c) whether the Government will be pleased to place the connected papers on the table.

A.—(a) 1903.

- (b) & (c) The connected papers are placed on the table * of the Council.

Resettlement of red-soil taluks of Bellary and Anantapur.

479 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: "To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state—

- (a) the progress so far made in the resettlement of the red-soil taluks of the Bellary and Anantapur districts; and
- (b) the names of typical villages selected for conducting an investigation regarding
 - (i) the principal profession followed;
 - (ii) the principal land-owning castes;
 - (iii) the alienations to outsiders;
 - (iv) the extent of cultivation in the occupied ayacut;
 - (v) the patta land left waste;
 - (vi) the supplementary sources of income of small pattadars;
 - (vii) the debts contracted under mortgage, etc., the rates of interests, the caste and status of creditors and debtors.

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4.—(a) The work has not yet been commenced in the red-soil taluks of the Anantapur district as the resettlement of those taluks is due only in 1926-27 and 1927-28. As regards the red-soil taluks of Bellary, the statistics required for the compilation of a scheme report are being collected. The revision of adangals was started in the Hospet taluk in October last and inquiries by special revenue inspectors were finished in 47 villages up to the end of January 1921.

(b) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I wanted a very important piece of information about the settlement operations now going on in the red-soil taluks. They are now finishing their inquiry and behind our back they may arrive at any conclusions from insufficient data. Will the Government at least now call for the information?"

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"Supplementary questions should also, like the main questions, be requests for information. I do not think I can permit any member putting a supplementary question to argue the case or to make an argument out of it. I trust that Honourable Members will bear this in mind."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I want the names of the villages selected for conducting the investigations."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I did not say there was any ambiguity. What I said was that the Honourable Member in putting the supplementary question was saying why he wanted the information and how easily that the Government could have got it. All that might be pertinent to a resolution before the House. A supplementary question must however, like the main question, be a request for information."

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"As the investigations are still proceeding, I am not able to furnish any information at this stage."

Issue of country liquor in Tadpatri and Bellary.

480 Q.—Mr. T. SIVASANKARAM PILLAI: "To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education (Excise) to state—

(a) how many proof gallons of country liquor were issued from the Tadpatri and Bellary distilleries for the months of December 1920, and January and February 1921;

(b) what the number was of proof gallons of country liquor issued during the corresponding months from the distilleries in the three years;

(c) what the total number is of date trees marked during the months of October, November, December 1920, and January and February 1921 in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool;

(d) what the total number is of date trees marked during the corresponding months in the three previous years;

(e) if it is a fact that in the districts of Kurnool, Anantapur and Bellary the consumption of toddy and other intoxicants has fallen abnormally;

(f) if it is a fact that in these districts the occasion is being taken advantage of by non-co-operators to accelerate temperance in towns and villages, leading to further reduction of consumption of intoxicants;

(g) if it is a fact that during the last abkari sales for the current year there has been speculative bidding on the part of the renters which, coupled with the present distress, has led to serious loss on their part; and